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For : METHOD OF MAKING FUSED)
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the March 9, 1999, final rejection and the July 15, 1999, advisory action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 12 and 22 as follows:

12. (Amended) [A method according to claim 7] In a method for making a non-porous body of high purity fused silica glass doped with at least one oxide dopant comprising the steps of:

(a) producing a gas stream containing a silicon-containing compound in vapor form capable of being converted through thermal decomposition with oxidation or flame hydrolysis to SiO₂ and a compound in vapor form capable of being converted through oxidation or flame hydrolysis to at least one member of the group